

## Monroe Commission Re-elects Ashley as President

At their first meeting of 2012, the Monroe County Commission reelected Commissioner Shane Ashley as President of the County Commission. Commissioner Bill Miller was elected as Vice-President. President Ashley called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

The County Commission approved a drawdown request for the Greenville Water Project in the amount of \$6,902.00 and adopted a resolution declaring January 19<sup>th</sup> as West Virginia Physical Day in Monroe County. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, West Virginia will celebrate the first ever WV Physical Activity Day. This day will also mark the release of the official WV Physical Activity Plan. Several groups and organizations are already gearing up to celebrate with fun activities and events throughout the state. If your group or organization would like to participate or if you have questions concerning WV Physical Activity day can visit [wvphysicalactivity.org](http://wvphysicalactivity.org) for more info.

Commissioners agreed to send letters to Senators Ron Miller and Mark Wills and Delegate Gerald Crosier asking for their assistance in obtaining \$28,500.00 in state funding to go toward the replacement of the Courthouse roof. The County Commission was recently awarded a grant from the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority in the amount of \$102,000.00 to go toward the replacement of the roof. The total cost of the project is \$160,000.00.

The County Commission reviewed the monthly meeting minutes of the Gap Mills Public Service District and made appointments to the Boy Scout Community Service committees. The next meeting of the Boy Scouts Community Service Projects is scheduled for January 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Union Senior Center. Everyone is invited to attend and get involved in this most worthwhile project. Boy Scout Day at the WV Legislature is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners discussed the proposed Unsafe and Unsanitary Structures and Refuse ordinance with Planning Commission representatives Rocky Parsons and Jim Menard. The County Commission told Parsons and Menard they weren't prepared to vote on whether to implement the ordinance on this day. It was agreed to schedule a meeting with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Natural Resources, Health Department, law enforcement agencies and the Prosecuting Attorney for the purpose of having more discussion on the proposed ordinance and discuss the laws already in place to deal with dilapidated structures and refuse.

Fred Ziegler, newly elected President of the Monroe Historical Society, met with the County Commission and provided a list of the major goals of the Historical Society for this upcoming year. Bill Jesse and Scott Wickline also met with the County Commission and provided an update on the Day Report Program.

David Cole, Executive Director of Region 1 Planning and Development Council, appeared before Commissioners providing information on the Small Cities Block Grant Program. Cole reported that the Greenville Water Project is

almost complete and he suggested the county wait until next year and apply for Small Cities Block Grant funds for another needed project in the county.

The County Commission agreed to schedule the annual Board of Equalization meetings. The first meeting will be January 30, 2012 beginning at 10:00 am. The second meeting is scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. If you need to meet with the Board of Equalization, please call 772-3096.

Bruce Power, 911 Director, met with the County Commission to discuss several issues. Acting on a previous request from the County Commission, Power said that he has arranged for two different companies to come to the county and provide a demonstration of their Reverse 911 Systems. Code Red will make their presentation on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am and a company called Wens is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Power provided the monthly wrecker response report. According to his report Galford's had eight calls, Neel's had ten, Dunbar two and Offenberger's had one. Mr. Power said it shouldn't be long before the 911 Center implements Emergency Medical Dispatching and upon Power's request, the County Commission authorized him to solicit bids for a generator for the 911 Center.

Anderson and Anderson representatives Melissa Scott and Brian Powell, along with Power, met with the County Commission concerning the county's Mapping and Addressing Project.

Commissioners authorized Commissioner Shane Ashley to sign the grant contract between the county and the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority. The county was recently awarded a grant from the WVCFIA in the amount of \$102,000.00 to replace the Courthouse roof.

The County Clerk reported that all employees who have been issued a county vehicle and now purchasing gas at businesses in the county. The County Commission recently voted to purchase gas locally for county vehicles instead of at the Division of Highways. In addition, the Clerk reported that the county has received payment from the county's insurance company in the amount of \$11,448.73 for damages to equipment at the 911 Center from a severe storm back in the summer.

The County Commission held a hearing on estate matter, approved five estate final settlements and three exonerations.

The Commission will meet in special session as a Board of Equalization on January 30, 2012 at 10:00 am. The next regular scheduled meeting will be February 1, 2012.